Finance, Legislation and Planning (FL&P) Committee February 13, 2009 Richmond Marriott West 9:00 AM

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Gary Dalton	VACO Representative	Scott Winston	Jason Campbell
Art Lipscomb	-	Gary Brown	Jeff Meyer
Theresa Guins, MD		Warren Short	Randy Abernathy
Rob Logan		Chad Blosser	Jennie Collins
Michael Player		Greg Neiman	Melinda Duncan
Byron Andrews			Karen Wagner
Ed Rhodes			Don Barkladge
Bruce Edwards			George Lindbeck, MD
Morris Reece			Asher Brand, MD
Kent Weber	VIII N		Gary Samuels
Mike Harmon			

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Opening	Gary Dalton, Chair opened the meeting. The minutes from the November 12,	Motion: Approve minutes from
	2008 meeting were reviewed and approved with the following amendments; Mr .	the Nov. 12, 2008 meeting, with
	Kent Weber was excused from attendance at the meeting. Dr. Theresa Guins	amendment. Motion passed
	pointed out that under "Potential 2009 Legislation related to EMS" it appears some	unanimously.
	narrative may be missing in the first bulleted item under Pediatric	
	Coordinator/Officer. The committee agreed the narrative should be revised and	
	amended to read, "The Office of EMS is committed to ensuring that pediatric EMS	
	patients receive high quality patient care and recognizes pediatrics as a unique	
	and specialized patient type that EMS providers will encounter."	
OEMS Update	Scott Winston, Asst. Director, OEMS reported the OEMS quarterly report to the	
	EMS Advisory Board would no longer be printed from general distribution. Due	
	to the budget deficit, OEMS Quarterly Reports would be available on-line at the	
	OEMS Web site prior to the EMS Advisory Board meetings.	
	Mr. Winston and Mr. Brown provided the committee an update on the state	

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	budget. (See 2009 Legislative Update.) The committee was advised the additional .25 revenue collected from motor vehicle registrations (approximately \$1.6M) as a result of legislation passed during the 2008 session of the VA General Assembly has been targeted by budget committees. These funds were approved by the legislature to defray the cost of certification and recertification of EMS personnel as an incentive to recruit and retain EMS personnel. Delegate O'Bannon has submitted a budget amendment in the House to restore \$1M of the \$1.6M proposed to be transferred to the Virginia State Police for Med-Flight operations. Mr. Winston reported the Office of EMS held a mandatory pre-bid conference on January 22 in Richmond to meet with entities interested in submitting a proposal for the development of a state-wide, Web based patient care reporting system. The deadline for applications and proposals is Monday, Feb. 23. Mr. Rob Logan asked who is on the team assigned to evaluate the bids received in response to the PPCR solicitation. Mr. Winston stated the composition of the team has not been determined. Mr. Logan emphasized the importance of end user input in the selection process. Mr. Winston reported the proposed EMS Regulations and DDNR Regulations were being presented today to the Board of Health for approval. The proposed regulations will become part of the regulatory review package if they are approved by the Board and move forward as part of the notice of intended regulatory action (NOIRA). Preliminary dates have been set to receive comments on the proposed EMS Regulations and DDNR Regulations for Saturday, April 4 in Wytheville, VA and Friday, April 24 in Suffolk, VA. Mr. Winston advised the committee to check the OEMS Web site at http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/oems for updates.	Responsible Person
State EMS Strategic Plan	Mr. Winston reminded the committee the state strategic and operational EMS plan	
Update	is posted on the OEMS Web site. Mr. Winston reported there has been no progress since the last meeting to explore the possibility of incorporating documents that	

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	establish the scope of practice in Virginia (defined in part by the medications and	Responsible Person
	procedures schedules approved by the Medical Direction Committee) into the state EMS plan.	
	The EMS plan must be reviewed and revised as necessary by the Board of Health every three years. Prior to approval by the BOH, the state EMS plan is approved by the state EMS Advisory Board.	
	Mr. Winston expressed the need to begin the triennial review of the State EMS Plan. The committee agreed to meet on Thursday, May 14 from 3 PM until 5:30 PM to discuss and develop a process to update the plan. Mr. Winston stated the	State EMS Planning session will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2009 from 3 PM until 5:30 PM at a location to be determined in
	Office uses MS Project to track progress toward completing the objectives in the annual EMS operational plan. Mr. Winston will direct Mr. Tim Perkins, State EMS Planner to prepare an overview of the planning process utilized by OEMS	the Richmond area.
	and to brief the committee on the status of the plan.	
Process Action Team	Mr. Winston referred the committee members to Appendix D of the OEMS	
(PAT) Update/Regional	Quarterly Report to the state EMS Advisory Board. Specifically on page 15, a	
EMS Council	series of next steps are outlined:	
Designation Process		
	1) Clarify/interpret the language in the Designation Manual to insure that	
	more than one regional EMS council can serve a service area.	
	2) Develop a FACT sheet on the PAT's work and recommendations to include	
	roster that summarizes the process, proposal, and the agreement. Clarify	
	that PAT members fully participated and a public comment period allowed	
	for others to provide additional information. Send FACT sheet to the PAT	
	members for review and comment before distribution.	
	3) Each PAT member will make a report to the group that they represent using	
	the FACT sheet. The PAT commits to utilizing the final approved FACT	
	sheet as the primary method of communication to avoid confusion and misinformation.	
	4) A small group (Gary Critzer, Donna Burns and Jason Campbell) will meet	
	with Delegate Abbitt to tell him that there has been agreement to request	
	the BOH to designate seven (7) service areas and ask him to remove the	

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	 budget bill language. 5) The seven (7) service areas that have been agreed upon will be presented to the EMS Advisory Board for adoption so that the proposal can go forward to the Commissioner. 6) Commissioner Remley and the Chair of the EMS Advisory Board will present the results of the PAT process to the Board of Health. 7) OEMS will implement the designation process and send out the package, including the clarification regarding the ability of more than one council to serve within one service area. The Regional EMS Councils will apply for designation. 8) If regional EMS councils submit their packages by March 1, 2009, regional contracts will be awarded by a date to be identified by OEMS (after conferring with legal counsel). The PAT prefers the date to apply for designation be moved back until July 2010 to enable improvements in the performance based contracts with the Office of EMS. 9) The PAT Chair will work with OEMS and other stakeholders to define an ongoing structure for implementation of the Summary Vision and other PAT/EMS issues. 10) The PAT process will continue to develop the EMS Summary Vision and its strategies, including the use of teams (new or existing) to bring in more stakeholder input and potentially including the use of technology. 	Responsible Person
2009 Legislation related to EMS	The Committee discussed that status of EMS related legislation being considered by the VA General Assembly. A majority of the discussion focused on the budget.	Motion made by Ed Rhodes and seconded by Art Lipscomb:
	Health and Human Resources Subcommittee Item 3-1.01#5s Transfers	FL&P recommends that the State EMS Advisory Board draft a letter to the Commissioner of Health regarding their
	Interfund Transfers Language Language:	disapproval of the proposed budget amendment dated February 8, 2009 from the
	Page 612, after line 26, insert: "F. On or before June 30, 2010, the State Comptroller shall transfer \$9,450,000 From the special emergency medical services fund to the general	Subcommittee for Health and Human Resources of the Senate Finance Committee.

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	Explanation: (This amendment transfers \$1.50 from "\$4.25 for Life" to the general fund in Fiscal year 2010. The introduced budget directs \$0.25 to the state police for operations of med-flight. This amendment diverts \$1.50 of each registration fee to The general fund in FY2010 only. The remaining fee of \$2.50 will be used for recruitment, retention and training of volunteer rescue squads.) There was much discussion about this proposal and several committee members reported they have heard talk that if funds from the Federal Economic Stimulus Package are not available to replace the money transferred from the EMS Fund, the money will not be taken out of the budget. It was pointed out that the Governor has set up a Web site to solicit recommendations from the public about how the funds from the economic stimulus package should be spent. The Web site is http://www.stimulus.virginia.gov . Mr. Ed Rhodes provided updates on a number of legislative measures including: a. Appointment of EMS representative to the state Board of Health . There is no opposition to the bill. b. Reporting Requirements . Protection of Aged or Incapacitated Adults ((863.2-1606) . It was reported this legislation looks like it will pass. However, it has been reported that the Dept. of Social Services has expressed concern about being able to obtain a copy of the medical record from the receiving medical facility. Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Lipscomb shared information about other legislative initiatives related to Line of Duty Deaths, Ryan White Act and the upcoming Fire Services Caucas luncheon.	Acspoilsible I et soil

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Old Business	No Old Business came before the Committee.	
New Business	No New Business came before the Committee.	
2009 Meeting Dates	The FL& P Committee is scheduled to meet at 9 AM on the morning of each quarterly state EMS Advisory Board. The 2009 meeting dates for FL&P committee are May 15; and Friday, August 7. The fourth quarter meeting date and location for the FL&P committee is to be determined (TBD).	
Adjournment	The Committee adjourned at 10:30 AM.	

